

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1617**

S/N 09/867,367

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Title:	A MICROBIAL COMPOSITION AND A PROCESS FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF ALKALINE WASTE-WATER			
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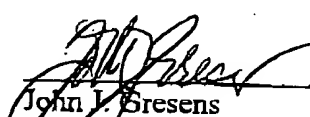
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination in order to enter the Amendment and Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Rita Kumar, enclosed herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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